



SUMMER 2005

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We welcome your comments.
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567 El Camino Real
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REPORT FROM CITY HALL



CITY OF SAN BRUNO

Residents of San Bruno,

With the 4th of July fast approaching, the Mayor and City Council want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday. San Bruno has a long tradition of celebrating this holiday with the use of legal, safe-and-sane fireworks.

Unfortunately, in recent years some residents and visitors have used illegal fireworks such as bottle rockets, firecrackers, and M-80s—ignoring the safety of others and putting us all at risk.

The San Bruno Police and Fire Departments have been directed to enforce a zero-tolerance policy toward the use of illegal fireworks. Anyone found using illegal fireworks will be cited and fined.

Please adhere to the responsible use of safe-and-sane fireworks, and do not use any fireworks that are illegal.

Information on responsible use of fireworks will be distributed to all schools in the City. Signs at the City limits will warn people entering the City about use of illegal fireworks. Both the Police and Fire Departments will have all officers and firefighters on duty over the 4th of July weekend. In June, Police officers will also visit residences with a prior history of illegal fireworks use to warn of the consequences of such use this year.

Please help make this a safe and enjoyable July 4th for everyone.

Lee G. Violett
Police Chief

Dan Voreyer
Fire Chief

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Weekly Events

CHILDREN'S DELIGHT— LIVE THEATRE

Enjoy the Runaway Caboose, a non-stop train crash through a world of stories!

Thursday, June 23 at 3:00 PM

LARIAT LARRY

A hero from the Old West! Trick roper, cowboy storyteller—Lariat Larry!

Wednesday, June 29 at 3:00 PM

BRIAN SCOTT, MAGICIAN

Our heroic magician returns with lots more magic up his sleeve!

Wednesday, July 6 at 3:00 PM

STEVE CHANEY, VENTRILOQUIST

Our hero, Cornelius, is back and he's no dummy!

Wednesday, July 13 at 3:30 PM

SWAZZLE, PUPPET SHOW

There's no one braver than Hazel the squirrel and her friend the Dragon. Come watch a live performance of *Hazel and the Dragon*!

Tuesday, July 19 at 3:00 PM

THE CARNIVAL OF CHAOS

Be brave—come see Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds. Enjoy live music, storytelling, juggling, magic, comedy and more!

Monday, July 25 at 7:00 PM

All programs are held at the San Bruno Library



San Bruno Public Library

701 Angus Avenue West, San Bruno, CA 94066

(650) 616-7078 www.sanbrunolibrary.org

SIGN UP FOR FAMILY SUMMER READING AT THE SAN BRUNO LIBRARY!

Sign-ups start Monday, June 13

Summer Reading begins Monday, June 20
and ends Saturday, July 30.

For more information, call the Children's Department
of the San Bruno Library (650) 616-7078

Be a Super Reader. Make Angus a Super Hero!

1. Get a name tag.
2. Read or listen to a book. If you are reading on your own, it should be at your reading level and something you haven't already read.
3. Fill out ONE weekly reading slip. Have Mom or Dad sign it.
4. Bring the reading slip back to the Library.
5. Put it in the Reading Box.
6. If you listen to at least one book a week, you will get a prize.*
7. For all the extra books you read or listen to, you will help fill up Angus' trucks with books. How many truckloads can he hold?!

**While supplies last*

Then join us for our Summer Reading Ice Cream Party - to be held Thursday, August 4, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. We will have ice cream for all, while supplies last, on the patio at the San Bruno Library.

Teens ~ Unleash your power & read!

All teens are invited to participate in the San Bruno Library's Teen Summer Reading Program. Every time you read an item from the Library, fill out a review form. This form will be your raffle ticket for our weekly drawing. Each Friday during the program, some lucky teen will win a \$25 Borders gift certificate. This could be you! The program will start on June 20 and end July 29, giving teens 6 chances to win. Review forms are available at the Library, or online at www.sanbrunolibrary.org. Questions? Call Sarah Lynch at 650-616-7078.

New regulations governing alcohol use in City Parks

During the past several years and through various methods of reporting, the public has contacted staff at the Parks and Recreation Department about the excessive consumption of alcohol at various parks, specifically City Park.

As a result of this information, the Parks and Recreation Commission formed an Alcohol Consumption Ad Hoc Committee to review current problems associated with alcohol consumption issues, concerns, and practices. As part of this effort, the San Bruno Police Department asked that one of their staff participate in this process.

Over the course of three months, staff and the Ad Hoc Committee found the greatest amount of consumption of alcoholic beverages is found in and around playground structures and around baseball and softball fields; and empty alcoholic beverage containers, including broken glass, are often found in these particular areas. Department staff also conducted a survey of nearby Peninsula cities regarding regulation of alcohol in their parks. San Bruno is the only city that allows for unregulated alcohol use in city parks (with the exception of Forest Lane Park). The majority of cities do not permit alcohol consumption in parks. If alcohol is allowed, it is regulated through a permit system.

On April 12, 2005, the San Bruno City Council unanimously approved a policy prohibiting alcohol use in City parks except by permit in designated picnic sites at City Park, Commodore Park, and Grundy Park. Effective

immediately, alcohol is not permitted in any park except through the permit process in City Park, Commodore Park, and Grundy Park. In addition to fees charged for reserved picnic site rentals, an alcohol use permit fee of \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents will be charged. These charges represent the current cost for administrative oversight for the alcohol permit program.

Copies of alcohol use permits will be routed to the Police Department prior

to each rental for notification of where and when alcohol will be used. This will assist the Police Department in their enforcement of the policy, as they will know in advance who has been issued an alcohol use permit and where it is to be

consumed. Additionally, the Police Department will now be in a position to cite individuals not in compliance with the policy.

In addition, signage, which clearly identifies regulations pertaining to the ordinance, will be posted specifying that drinking alcoholic beverages absent an alcohol permit is prohibited and violators are punishable by law. Signs will also be posted at playgrounds, sports fields, tennis courts, swimming pools, concession stands, and public park restrooms, designating them "no alcohol zones" and notifying park users that drinking alcohol is not permitted in those areas and is also punishable by law.

For further information regarding the Alcohol Consumption Permit, contact the San Bruno Parks and Recreation Department at 650-616-7180.



Concerts at the Rotary Pavilion



**Friday Evenings at 6pm
At San Bruno City Park
Rotary Pavilion**

All performances are FREE!

**Call 650-616-7184
for more information.**

Friday, August 5

The Sun Kings
(a musical tribute to the Beatles)

Friday, August 12

California Cowboys *(Hot Country)*

Friday, August 19

Groovy Judy *(60's & 70's)*

Friday, August 26

West Bay Rhythm *(Funk & Soul)*

Friday, September 2

5150 *(Classic Rock)*

Friday, September 9

Hot Rods *(50's & 60's)*

Focus on ... San Bruno Code Enforcement

“Working to Make the Com

San Bruno residents will see improvements in their community courtesy of the revamped Code Enforcement Division. In response to an increase in complaints and a growing interest in protecting property values, the Division will actively seek to provide cleaner, safer, more attractive neighborhoods.

The Code Enforcement Division enforces the Zoning and Public Nuisance Chapters of the San Bruno Municipal Code, and the Uniform Housing Code. In order to improve the Code Enforcement service delivery, the Division is working in close coordination with the Police Department. This recent change will assist the coordination in resolving problematic properties.

COMPLAINTS

There are two basic types of complaints: Nuisances and Housing & Building Violations.

NUISANCE VIOLATIONS

Nuisances are “those conditions and uses that are detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare, that promote blight, or which reduce property values in the city.” *(See next page)*

HOUSING & BUILDING VIOLATIONS

These types of violations are more serious in nature and include:

- Illegal units
- Illegal additions
- Substandard housing
- Unpermitted construction

REPORTING A COMPLAINT

To phone in your complaint, call 650-616-7074. Written complaints can be made/sent to the Community

Development Department. It is crucial to provide the exact location and a brief description of the problem. It is the Department’s policy to not disclose information regarding who made the complaint.

THE INVESTIGATION

The first step is an inspection by a code enforcement officer to verify the complaint. The City currently has two code enforcement officers, and depending upon the complaint’s type and severity, an inspection generally takes a few days to complete. Once the complaint is verified, the property owner is provided with a “10 Day Notice to Correct,” either in person, by mail and/or posting on the property.

COMPLIANCE

Although it is the Division’s preference to work with the property owner to solve the problem, failing to comply will result in citations of \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense, and \$500 for the third offense. Code enforcement officer time fees are also assessed to the case. Lack of compliance and severe violations may result in the property being declared a “Public Nuisance,” with the City expending resources to abate the violation and charge/lien the property.

Building and Housing violations have additional consequences which include the filing of a Notice of Dangerous Building with the San Mateo County Assessor’s Office, and fines ranging from \$540 to \$1000. Additionally, further legal action may be pursued, including:

- Temporary restraining orders
- Permanent injunctions

- Issuance of infractions and misdemeanors

BUILDING PERMITS

Why? When? How?

WHY?

Obtaining a building permit is extremely important, mainly to ensure that the work is completed safely and in accordance with the Uniform Building Code. Property is a huge investment, and it is important that construction projects are built right and per Code.

WHEN?

Most construction projects require a permit. Permits need to be obtained prior to starting the work. Failing to obtain a permit is subject to double fees and citations. Following are typical construction projects which require a building permit:

- Window replacements
- Decks, stairs, and patios
- Carports, sheds, and sunrooms
- Electrical upgrades
- Water heater replacements
- Reroofs and siding
- Sewer and plumbing upgrades
- Kitchen and bathroom remodels
- Room and bathroom additions
- Demolitions

HOW?

To obtain a building permit, contact the Building Division. Handouts are available to assist you with your project. Depending on the scale of your project, you may be required to submit a set of plans to be approved by the Planning Division. Smaller projects can usually be approved in person, “over the counter.” Questions? Call 650-616-7074.

Community Attractive and Safe"

NUISANCES

Blight reduces a neighborhood's appeal and significantly reduces the property value of its homes. Following are examples of nuisances which are being targeted for removal by Code Enforcement. Your assistance is appreciated in removing and reporting these nuisances.



Garbage, trash, and debris

Garbage and recycling containers need to be stored out of public view until the night before the garbage is picked up. Keeping containers out of view improves the appearance of the neighborhood and reduces the likelihood of trash spilling out into the street.

Personal property and clutter

Personal property must be stored within a fully enclosed building or structure. Sheds and accessory structures must be located in the rear 50% of the backyard.

Landscaping - High weeds and overgrowth is unsightly, creates fire hazards, and harbors rodents. Vegetation that is overgrown or dead, decayed, detrimental, diseased, or hazardous needs to be trimmed or removed. Vegetation is not allowed to encroach onto the sidewalk. Lawns are required to be maintained less than 6 inches high.

Graffiti - It is important to report graffiti as soon as possible to keep

competitive vandals from making it worse. If you see graffiti, immediately report it to the GRAFFITI HOT LINE at (650) 616-7141.



Street parking - Only currently registered operable vehicles (including trailers) can be legally parked on the street. Vehicles must be moved at least one-tenth of a mile every 72 hours. To report these nuisance vehicles, call the San Bruno Police Department at (650) 616-7100.

Inoperable vehicles - Storing junky, inoperable vehicles is a sign of blight and takes up valuable parking space. Only currently registered vehicles which can be legally operated on a California highway, with all parts and equipment required by the Vehicle Code, can be parked in a driveway or approved parking area. Inoperable vehicles may only be stored inside a fully enclosed garage.



Parking on front and side lawns, and blocking the sidewalk

Parking is prohibited on the front and side lawn areas. Vehicles which block the sidewalk are subject to citation and towing. Blocking the sidewalk with a vehicle jeopardizes

pedestrian safety, especially for the elderly, young children, and individuals who have difficulty walking.

Commercial vehicles - It is unlawful to park/store commercial vehicles on any lot or parcel of land in any residential district. Commercial vehicles detract from the residential quality of our neighborhoods.



Vehicle repair in residential neighborhoods - Vehicle repair outside of an enclosed garage is limited to minor repair and maintenance between 8 AM and 10 PM. All other repairs must be within a fully enclosed garage. Auto repair in residential neighborhoods by any commercial entity or individual for compensation in any form is an infraction. Vehicles must be registered to the address where the repair is taking place, or to the person performing the work upon the vehicle, or to a member of the immediate family: parents, grandparents, spouse, brother, sister, or children.

Illicit discharges - Only rain water is allowed to be discharged to the gutter and street. Paint, oil, antifreeze, stucco washings, grout, and all other residues are prohibited.

Paint - The City places no restrictions on paint colors; however, houses must be painted (without excessive peeling). Painting reduces the chances of termite and dry rot infestations throughout the neighborhood.

Latest Internet upgrades completed

San Bruno Municipal Cable TV recently completed its upgrade of the sanbrunocable.com High Speed Internet network for greater reliability, speed, and service. The one item not upgraded was the price. Basic Internet or Level One service is still available for only \$29.95!

Here is a brief look at some of the recent upgrades:

Dec. 2004 Implemented 24/7 Internet Technical Support service.
Jan. 2005 Evaluated and reconfigured network infrastructure.
Jan. 2005 New Customer Management software installed.
Feb. 2005 Upgraded to a faster Internet connection (OC-3).
April 2005 Replaced Cable Modem Termination System.

These upgrades have enabled sanbrunocable.com to offer faster upload and download speeds, and significantly improved overall user experience. The technical support service implemented last year through a contract with ParaSun Technologies offers subscribers expanded technical assistance during evenings and weekends. The toll-free number for Technical Support is 1-888-207-0204. Customers are also encouraged to e-mail technical support at tech@sanbrunocable.com with their questions.

In addition to the outsourcing of the technical support function, a major overhaul of the network was undertaken.

The overhaul work involved evaluation and reconfiguration of the network infrastructure, implementation of a new subscriber management software, sourcing a larger capacity connection to the Internet, and the deployment of the latest generation Cable Modem Termination System, which is an equipment interface between the customer's cable modem and the Internet. These upgrades to the network will ensure an adequate supply of bandwidth and processing speeds to support Internet user growth into the foreseeable future. The network is capable of handling twice as many customers served today without significantly degrading quality of service. Today, over 3,000 Internet customers enjoy faster upload and download speeds, a service that is more reliable, and expanded technical support coverage.

San Bruno Cable would like to express its appreciation to all its Internet customers for their loyalty and patience during the upgrade period by implementing a couple of upgrades to quality of service. The service upgrades include the doubling of upload speeds from 128 Kbps to 256 Kbps for Basic Internet service, and up to 10 Mbps download speeds for all levels of service.

Tongan trip

On March 10, 2005, Corporal Mark F. Phillips of the San Bruno Police Department, Sergeant Ed Nakiso of the Burlingame Police Department, and Mr. Emile Hons, General Manager of The Shops at Tanforan, traveled over 6,000 miles to the Island Nation of Tonga to learn more about the Tongan culture.

A recent increase locally in youth violence involving Tongan youth prompted San Bruno Police Chief Lee G. Violett to initiate several strategies to address the concern. The trip to Tonga is just one of several initiatives that have occurred since partnering with the Chiefs of Police from Burlingame and San Mateo, and most importantly, with leaders in the Tongan community.

The officers were accompanied by Emile Hons, a former schoolteacher in Tonga while volunteering as a member of the Peace Corps. His

background and personal contacts helped make the most of the one-week visit.

The officers met with the Assistant Commander of Police, Minister of Prisons, the Speaker of the Parliament, and many religious leaders and public officials. There were many common interests that were addressed regarding Tongan youth.

There were many positive outcomes from the trip. The information learned has been incorporated into cultural awareness training for local police officers. Training is currently under way for our officers to include presentations by local members of our Tongan community. If successful, this training will be shared with other San Mateo County law enforcement agencies.

Chief Lee G. Violett said that the



Corporal Mark Phillips poses with Tongan students.

goodwill inspired by the visit, and the credibility and trust it has helped forge with the Tongan community, has been invaluable. The trip was made possible through private donations from the Rotary Club of San Bruno, the San Bruno Police Association, and The Shops at Tanforan.

Meet our newest firefighters

The San Bruno Fire Department recently welcomed four new firefighters. Ben'Zara Minkin, Joseph Perna, Michael Ku, and Daniel Russo all completed an intensive 12-week program at the San Mateo County Fire Academy, where they were taught the basics of firefighting and the use of tools and equipment.

The new firefighters were assigned to platoons to begin their 12-month probationary period in mid-April. They will work under the direct supervision of a Fire Captain and an experienced fire medic for their initial assignment in order to become accredited as a paramedic in San Mateo County and to gain experience. These are the first new firefighters to be hired in the last three years. They are filling positions that have been vacant due to retirements.

Firefighter Ben'Zara Minkin is a graduate of UC Santa Barbara. He was a cadet firefighter in Woodside, is a licensed paramedic and a CPR instructor. He speaks both Spanish

and Portuguese, is a licensed small aircraft pilot and an expert in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

Firefighter Joseph Perna grew up in San Bruno, just down the street from Fire Station 52. Ironically, he often played basketball in the station parking lot as a youngster. He attended local schools and graduated from Capuchino High. Joe worked in the plastering trade for over 12 years before going back to school for his Fire Science degree and his paramedic license.

Firefighter Michael Ku is a graduate of San Jose State University. He has a background in electrical engineering and worked as a paramedic with a private ambulance company. His wife works as a neonatal intensive care nurse at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. They have a five-month-old daughter. Mike is fluent in Chinese, and in fact, used his language skills on his very first day on the job.



Left to right: Firefighters pictured here during their second week of Fire Academy -- Joe Perna, Dan Russo, Ben'Zara Minkin, and Mike Ku.

Firefighter Daniel Russo has a Fire Science degree from Santa Rosa Junior College. He has over five years experience as a cadet firefighter/EMT with the Marinwood Fire Department. He has also worked as an emergency room technician for the past three years at Marin General Hospital.

The Fire Department is very pleased with the high caliber of these new recruits. All of the new firefighters are excited about starting their fire service careers and are looking forward to serving the San Bruno community.



El Camino Real Project reaches first milestone

Northbound vehicles can now access The Shops at Tanforan through the new intersection on El Camino Real. All work will be completed in time for the mall's grand reopening in October 2005.

Focus on ... your questions

Q: I have heard that PG&E is scheduled to construct a high-voltage electric transmission line referred to as the Jefferson Martin 230 kV Project through San Bruno. Where can I obtain information about the project?

A: PG&E plans to construct a new underground high-voltage electric transmission line between their Jefferson substation located near Woodside to the Martin substation located near the Cow Palace during 2005. Information about the project alignment, schedule, and other details of the construction that will pass through San Bruno can be obtained from several sources. PG&E has hired the firm of Public Affairs Associates for public outreach and information regarding the project. Contact Tim Szostek, 601 Gateway Blvd., Suite 630, South San Francisco, CA 94080, telephone 1-800-234-2117. Requests for information and questions can also be emailed to info@jeffersonmartin.com, and information about the project is available through the Internet at www.jeffersonmartin.com. A copy of a presentation to the San Bruno City Council addressing the anticipated construction impacts and planned hours of work is also available at www.sanbruno.ca.gov.

Q: Where in San Bruno would I find old genealogy, bankruptcy, and naturalization records?

A: San Bruno is fortunate to have a local office of the National Archives within the City limits. The Federal Archives office is located at 1000 Commodore Drive in San Bruno. They have recently changed their phone numbers. The new numbers and email addresses are:

Archival Research	650-238-3501	sanbruno.archives@nara.gov
Bankruptcy Records	650-238-3500	sanbruno.reference@nara.gov
Court Records	650-238-3500	sanbruno.reference@nara.gov
Genealogy	650-238-3501	sanbruno.archives@nara.gov
Naturalization Records	650-238-3501	sanbruno.archives@nara.gov

Q: How do I obtain a license to provide day care in my home?

A: State Community Care Licensing Department, 851 Traeger Avenue, San Bruno, CA 94066, 650-266-8800.

Q: Does San Bruno Cable offer any international/foreign language programming?

A: Yes. San Bruno Cable has a full suite of international/foreign language programming. International/foreign language programming is available in 11 languages, which are Arabic, Chinese, Filipino, French, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. These programs are available to Digital service subscribers, and also can be subscribed on Ala Carte basis with certain restrictions. For additional information or to subscribe to the service, please call the San Bruno Cable TV office at 650-616-3100 on weekdays between 8 AM and 5 PM.

San Bruno General Municipal Election - Tuesday, November 8, 2005

In this election, voters will be asked to choose a Mayor, two Councilmembers, City Clerk, and City Treasurer.

In addition to statewide ballot measures, there will also be a local measure to determine if the City of San Bruno will continue to allow the use of "Safe and Sane" fireworks.

To vote in this election, you must register by October 10, 2005.

Voter registration forms and Easy User Guides are available in the City Clerk's office.

For more information please go to www.shapethefuture.org or www.smartvoter.org.

Frequently Called Numbers (Area Code 650)

Building Permits	616-7076
Business Taxes & Licenses	616-7083
Cable TV	877-8889
City Clerk	616-7058
City Council	616-7060
City Manager	616-7056
Finance	616-7080
Fire - Business	616-7096
Graffiti Hotline	616-7141
Library	616-7078
Neighborhood Improvement	616-7074
Recreation	616-7180
Human Resources Division	616-7055
Parks	616-7195
Planning	616-7074
Police - Business	616-7100
Public Works/ Corp. Yard	616-7160
Public Works/ Engineering	616-7065
Senior Center	616-7150
Streets	616-7161
Utility Billing	616-7086

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